Cancellation of agencies in J and K

4749. SHRI GHULAM NABIAZAD : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

whether a number of petrol pumps and LPG agencies were cancelled in the country in general and J and K in particular during the last three years;

the charges on which these petrol pumps and LPG agencies were cancelled; and

the number of petrol pumps and LPG agencies which have been restored after cancellation during the above period with the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR):(a) The year-wise details of Retail Outlets and LPG distributorships cancelled (terminated) in the country and J & K during the last three years are as follows :-

Year	In the Country		J&K	
	Retail Outlets	LPG Distributorships	Retail Outlets	LPG Distributorships
2000-2001	107	14	01	01
2001-2002	122	24		01
2002-2003	85	11		01
TOTAL :	314	49	01	03

The Retail Outlets and LPG distributorships were cancelled (terminated) due to various reasons *viz.,* malpractices/irregularities, resignation, non performance, benami operation, unauthorized reconstitution, violation of dealership agreement and dishonor of instruments, etc.

21 Retail Outlets and 2 LPG distributorships have been restored after cancellation during the above period.

Private oil refinery in J and K

4750. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to stale:

whether Government have any proposal to allow private sectors to set up oil refineries in the country including J and K State; and

if so, the details thereof ?